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8	BEFORE THE
9	BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. VN-2009-2526
12	ARTRESE LYNNISE MCKINLEY A C C U S A T I O N
13	9305 Mesa Verde Drive, Apt. B Montclair, CA 91763
14	Vocational Nurse License No. VN 214104
15	Respondent.
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17	Complainant alleges:
18	<u>PARTIES</u>
19	1. Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in
20	her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric
21	Technicians, Department of Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about April 4, 2005, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric
23	Technicians (Board) issued Vocational Nurse License No. VN 214104 to Artrese Lynnise
24	Mckinley (Respondent). The Vocational Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times
25	relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 28, 2015, unless renewed.
26	<u>JURISDICTION</u>
27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following
28	laws All section references are to the Rusiness and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated

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STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b) provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Bureau jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Under section 2892.1 of the Code, the Bureau may renew an expired license at any time within four years after the expiration.
 - 5. Section 490 states, in pertinant part:
- "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- "(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."
- Section 2875 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline the holder of a 6. vocational nurse license for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2875) of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act.
 - 7. Section 2878 states, in pertinent part:

"The Board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, 2840, et seq.)] for any of the following:

"(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

. . . .

"(d) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter."

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- "(f) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed vocational nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction."
 - 8. Section 2878.8 of the Code states:

"The board may deny any application or may suspend or revoke any license issued under this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act] based upon the denial of licensure, suspension, restriction, or other disciplinary action of a license by another state, any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the finding shall be conclusive evidence of that action provided that, if from another state, the findings establish an act which if committed in California would be grounds for discipline."

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2521 states, in pertinent part:

"For the purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of a license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensed vocational nurse to perform the functions authorized by his license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

COST RECOVERY

10. Section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being

renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crime)

11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2878, subdivision (f) and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2521, in that on or about January 11, 2011, she was convicted following her plea of guilty to one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 242 [Battery] in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Artrese McKinley* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, Case No. MCH901621). The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about December 21, 2009, Respondent punched her daughter several times in the fact which resulted in injury. Respondent was subsequently arrested for violating Penal Code section 273d, subdivision (a) [corporal injury to child] and her children were taken by Child Protective Services. Following Respondent's plea, the Court ordered pronouncement of judgment withheld and granted conditional and revocable release for a period of 36 months, subject to terms and conditions.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 2878, subdivisions (a) and (d), in that on or about December 21, 2009, Respondent committed acts constituting unprofessional conduct. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 11, as though set forth fully.

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

- 13. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges the following:
- a. On or about March 3, 2004, a teacher at Colin L. Powell Academy called the Long Beach Police Department when one of her student's came to school with a black eye on her right eye and scratches on the left side of her face which the student attributed to her mother. When Respondent was questioned, she admitted to hitting her daughter with a belt but denied

responsibility for her facial injuries. On or about February 9, 2005, pursuant to a subsequently filed criminal matter entitled *The People of the State of California v. Artrese Lynnise McKinley* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, Case No. 4LM01325), the Court ordered Respondent to complete a 1 year Parenting and Counseling Program. Upon Respondent's completion of the program, the Court dismissed the matter.

b. On or about November 29, 2000, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 415 [fighting in a public place] in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Artrese Lynnise McKinley* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, Case No. OCM06571). As a result of the conviction, the court sentenced Respondent to serve 6 days in Los Angeles County Jail and placed her on 12 months probation, subject to terms and conditions.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License No. VN 214104, issued to Artrese Lynnise Mckinley;
- 2. Ordering Artrese Lynnise McKinley to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: May 30, 2013

TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.

Executive Officer

Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

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